

Yorktown Victory Center 2006 4-H Peer Teacher Program Fact Sheet

The 4-H Peer Teacher Program is designed to involve youth ages 13 - 16 in the daily costumed historical interpretation at the Yorktown Victory Center, assisting younger visitors with special hands-on activities. Costumes will be provided; however, youth will need black shoes to wear with their costume.

- Applications will be reviewed and selected applicants will be contacted for an interview prior to program selection. Interviews will be conducted in late April through early May.
- **Peer teachers will volunteer one day per week, for 4 hours (12:30 – 4:30 p.m.), for 6 weeks.**
- **The program will begin June 19, 2006 and run through July 29, 2006.**
- **Training for the program will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and is mandatory for all participants and a parent/guardian to attend.**

Please complete the application and calendar and **return to the York County Cooperative Extension office by April 14, 2006**. Bring application forms to the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office- York County at 100 County Drive (off Goodwin Neck Rd.) or mail so it will arrive at the Extension Office **by April 14, 2006** to:

4-H Peer Teacher Program
VCE- York County
P.O. Box 532
Yorktown, VA 23690-0532

Examples of potential roles:

Soldiers and Followers In the Encampment



Peer teachers will help younger visitors understand and participate in some of the many duties that a young person might have had in a Revolutionary War Encampment. Youth might have found themselves assisting with the needs of an officer. Boys were often taught to play the fife and lead the troops by the musical commands. A young girl -- possibly the daughter of a soldier -- may help to attend to the sick, launder, or cook.

Peer teachers will be able to share their knowledge of the encampment with visitors and demonstrate crafts, which they will be taught.

On the Farm site: Farmer's Family and Farmer's Helpers

The colonial farm depended on everyone helping to do the necessary chores so that animals were cared for, fields were tended, crops were raised, food was preserved, clothing was made, and fat was rendered to make medicines, candles, and soap. The chores were unending.

Peer teachers will be taught the importance of the farm to Virginia's history and will show visitors about the various activities on the farm. Appropriate crafts will be taught so that the peer teacher can demonstrate and teach youth visitors to do the necessary crafts of farm helpers.

